Letter & Memos December 1953

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 31, 1953

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL
CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

I appreciate the information you gave me in your letter dated December 16 regarding the FOA/USGS relationship, as well as that of FOA and the other technical agencies.

I would like to point out that ever since Glen Brown returned here, he has been most cooperative and his relationship with this office so far has left nothing to be desired. Furthermore, he has given me no indication, either by word or action, that he is out here to "wind up" U.S.G.S. work in Saudi Arabia. It seems to me that whether or not he remains here depends on what kind of an agreement is finally entered into between FOA and USGS, and if the final agreement provides for USGS personnel being on the FOA rolls, what roll he would play in the water development and mineral development programs in Saudi Arabia. If he would continue to be as cooperative in the future as he has been since his return here, I would like to have him as Chief of Natural Resources to advise me, as well as the Saudi Arabian Government, on the development of natural resources in projects coordinated with agricultural and other related programs, and to act as a general supervisor in the carrying out of such projects which, as you know, will be very important ones. I feel that Glen Brown is well qualified to act in such capacities. Of course, it may be that USGS will refuse to let him stay here unless they get the kind of contract from FOA that they want. I hope these questions can be settled soon so that we can get started on our water development program under the '54 grant aid.

As soon as Brown returns from Riyadh, where he is checking the water table as well as paying his respects to King Emir Saud, I will ask him to prepare a comprehensive report embodying work accomplished to date in Saudi Arabia by the Natural Resources Division, a detailed plan of work for our Natural Resources Division covering the remainder

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

of the FY-54 period, and an overall plan of work covering the water development program under Economic Aid, this latter plan of work to cover the respective phases mentioned in my cable to you from Istanbul. As soon as such reports are ready, I will forward them on to you without delay and will await your comment on this score before preparing the water development project for presentation to SAG.

Brown has not made any mention to me since his return here about additional personnel. This may be due to the fact that he does have in mind "winding up" USGS work here, but I am more inclined to believe that other problems such as water drilling have occupied his mind to the extent that he has not given much thought to the matter of additional personnel. Upon Brown's return from Riyadh I will discuss with him the matter of personnel for his division, and from that conversation I am sure I will be able to ascertain or at least detect whether or not he has returned for the purpose of winding up his work here. I will inform you on this point a little later.

We have sent you several cables in the last few days covering what we feel here might be a solution, if only in part, to the water drilling problem with which we are faced. Waiting for Govenco to recruit drillers and other qualified personnel to carry on without interruption drilling operations here would be disastrous since we have every reason to believe, based on information gathered from several reliable sources, that it would be some months before Govenco could be drilling to the extent that Baker was a couple of weeks ago. During such time the drilling rigs left on the desert would deteriorate greatly, thereby necessitating extensive repairs with resultant further delays in drilling. We hope that by the time you receive this letter arrangements have been made with Baker/Rochester whereby they will carry on drilling operations to the extent of five rigs under the Community Development Program so that water development at both Wadi Khulais and Wadi Itwad under that project will not be held up. Furthermore, we feel very strongly that by such a nucleus of drilling activities being retained by us through Baker until such time as the water development program agreement under Economic Aid has been signed, it might be possible to convince the Saudi Arabian Government to allow us to continue with such nucleus for doing the exploratory phase of drilling operations, with Govenco doing the productive phase. So far we have not been able to ascertain just why the Minister of Finance day before yesterday instructed Baker/Jidda not to turn over any drilling equipment to Govenco until further notice. It may be that he has decided not to have Govenco do water drilling work or it may be that Govenco will do only part of it, or it may be that all of such equipment, as well as the maintenance shops, will be turned over to the recently created Ministry of Agriculture. We hope to know the answers to these questions shortly and will inform you accordingly. At any rate, our continuing through Baker with five rigs and the operation of the maintenance shop in Jidda for a few months will greatly enhance the goals we are seeking in the water drilling phase of the water development project.

Charles Buck, representing International Engineering Company, has been here for several days and copies of the railway survey report have arrived. These will be presented shortly to the appropriate Government offices. According to the last information which this office has received, it appears that neither King Emir Saud nor the Minister of Transportation and Communications, is interested in going ahead with the construction of the Riyadh-Medina-Jidda Railroad, at least at this time. I am writing you by this same mail regarding the King's interest in reopening the Medina-Jordan Railroad. In fact, we are informed that he has committed himself to do this. Such being the case, there would be obviously still less interest in building a railroad from Riyadh to Jidda via Medina.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 31, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Glen F. Brown
Chief, Natural Resources Division

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Reports

I have just received a letter from our Washington Office in which they request that you prepare the following:

1. A comprehensive report of all work accomplished to the present in Saudi Arabia by the Natural Resources Division.

2. A detailed plan of work of your Division for the remainder of FY 1954.

3. An overall plan of work for the proposed $2,000,000 water development program under Economic Aid, including in such plan of work the information listed in the second paragraph of my cable to Paul Taggart dated December 17th last, sent from Istanbul after consultation there with Malcolm Jones.

I believe you have a copy of the above-mentioned cable in your files.

I will appreciate your letting me have such reports at your earliest convenience so that I can forward them on to Washington. If I can be of help to you in the preparation of these, please let me know.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 31, 1953

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Dear Paul:

Several days ago Fred Zahid, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Transportation and Communications, called at this office on behalf of the Minister to ascertain whether or not USAOM would furnish technical assistance for the reopening of the Medina-Jordan Railroad which, as you may know, has been abandoned since World War I. Mr. Zahid informed us that the King is very much interested in reopening this railroad, but first wants to know what the cost would be to do so on the basis of the present narrow gauge and on the basis of European standard gauge. We informed Mr. Zahid that we would develop the matter with you, but that if such assistance were granted, its cost would probably be deducted from the amount set aside for roads under the FY-54 Economic Aid funds.

We feel that the above request should be granted provided the cost would not exceed an amount of about $75,000.

We shall appreciate your letting us have your views in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 30, 1953

Mr. S. S. Olayan, President
General Trading Company, Ltd.
Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Olayan:

This has reference to your letter of November 16, 1953 relative to the construction of living quarters for our personnel. Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and should we become interested in constructing a building in the future, we shall be glad to get in touch with you.

Please express our appreciation to Mr. William Eltiste for helping us know about your services.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 30, 1953

Dear Mr. Bolster:

The copy of Mr. Gibbs' letter herewith enclosed is self evident that the necessary should be done immediately to forward his furniture to Jidda without further delay, and without any shipping and packing charges to him. I should appreciate you looking into the matter the soonest possible.

Mr. Gibbs has made a good impression here relative to his technical proficiency, practical know-how and ability to deal with a multitude of situations characteristic of backward people. He has a keen sense of justice and feels that his present furniture situation is unwarranted. Your cooperation in this matter will be much appreciated by Mr. Gibbs and his family.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

Encl- Copy of Mr. Gibbs' letter

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Mr. H. G. Bolster,
Head, Middle Eastern Division,
Foreign Agricultural Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 29, 1953

Dear Mr. Bolster:

We have come to the conclusion here that men to be stationed out in the field from Jidda should be recruited for given stations so that each will know the specific locality and its living and working conditions for which he is being recruited. I know this, in some ways, will make recruitment more difficult. However, this appears best for all concerned. It will apply primarily to those recruited for Extension Service.

Your letter of November 12 indicated that Mr. Joe Leonard of Montana will be the next one in Extension. He will be stationed at El Darb in the Tihama or at Dammam-Qatif near Dhahran. The brief biographical sketch you gave of Mr. Leonard in your November 12 letter indicates that he has had the experience needed so much here.

Since we now have only one secretary for the entire Mission I shall bring this letter to a close and write more extendedly later on.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

Mr. G. H. Bolster,
Head, Middle Eastern Division,
Foreign Agricultural Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

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U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

December 27, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G.W. Ferguson, Chief
Health and Sanitation Division

FROM: J. Miles Butler, Malariologist

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - December 1953

I have been working and cooperating with the WHO malaria team and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health representative, Dr. Sultana Zamzami, during the present emergency malaria threat to Jidda. A team of workers spread oil and 5% DDT on the temporary pools of water throughout and surrounding the city. The oil was spread by a simple procedure: each worker carried a two gallon pail from which he dipped a small can of oil-DDT mixture and threw it out on the water.

Dr. Shuman, Chief, Preventative Medicine, Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health, had made the arrangements for me to work and cooperate during this malaria threat to Jidda. Dr. Shuman also requested that I do a survey for bilharziasis in Wadi Fatima and that the Ministry of Health would furnish the necessary equipment; however, I have not received any of the equipment, a listing of which was submitted to Dr. Shuman last month.

The requisition for field equipment necessary for investigations of malaria in Wadi Khulais was submitted on October 22, 1953. As of this date, December 27, 1953, I have received only four (4) of the forty-three (43) articles of equipment listed and needed for the proposed field work. Three of the articles received were listed in my November, 1953 monthly report. The fourth article was Mr. Skrinde's personally owned 12 inch high rubber boots which the Mission has agreed to replace for him.

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December 27, 1953

To: Mr G. W. Ferguson, Director, Division Health and Sanitation, U.S.O.M.

From: Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse, Div. Health and Sanitation, U.S.O.M.

Subject: Monthly Report for December 1953.

This month has largely been devoted to work in the office, while awaiting the descision of the Ministry of Health on the Project Agreement for the Maternal and Child Health Center. The Agreement was presented to the Ministry on December 7th for their review and signature. The project was approved and signed by Pr. Abdulla Faisal on December 22nd.

On November 29th I attended a meeting at the Ministry on the request of Dr Shuman. The purpose of the meeting was to meet and talk with Dr Rushdiah, a woman Obstetrician at present working in Mecca. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion at the time that she would come to Jidda to be the physician in charge of the proposed Maternal and Child Health Center. W. discussed the MCH program briefly and it was planned that she would return on the following Tuesday to visit possible locations for the center, namely the hospitals. However apparently plans changed and she never returned. The following people were present at this meeting.

Dr. Mohamed Khajukji - Secy. Gen. Ministry of Health
Dr. Bashir El Roume - Deputy Minister of Health
Dr. Hassan Nassif, Dir. Gen Hospital at Mecca.
Dr. Eizz El Dinn - Min Health Mecca
Dr. Nazzif, WHO Advisor to Min. of Health
Dr. Shuman - Dir or Preventive Medicine, Min Health, Jidda.
Dr. Rushdiah - Min. Health Mecca.
Mr Ferguson.
Miss Potter.

On December 24th we met with Dr Shuman to discuss the next steps in the plan for the MCH Center. He informed us that the project does not have to go to the Council of Ministers as it had been approved in principle long ago. He requested that the necessary number of copies be prepared, for final signatures, of Ministry and USAOM.

The requisition for supplies needed for the Center was prepared on November 24th. In checking I find that this requisition has not as yet been sent to Washington for procurement. This may further delay the implementation of the project agreement.

Dr Shuman has requested that I prepare the working plan and function of the Center and pr sent it to the Ministry for approval, since I am the Technical Advisor. This will be done within the next few days.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 27, 1953

Mr. Ralph R. Will
Director
USA Operations Mission to Pakistan
Karachi, Pakistan

Dear Mr. Will:

I have finally located the name and address of the firm who contacted me, before I left Washington, to offer their services on any grain drying and storage engineering problems which might arise here.

Their name and address are:

Drying Plant Engineers, Inc.
Suite 205
Commonwealth Building
1625 K Street N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Attention: J. K. Dunn, Pres.

It may be that they have already moved from the above address but I'm sure a letter addressed to them there will be forwarded to their new address.

Mr. Dunn informed me that his company has done quite a bit of grain drying and storage engineering work in Latin America and would gladly refer me to such accounts, if I wished to contact them for any reason.

I hope you had a pleasant trip back to Karachi. It was a pleasure to meet you and your officers at Istanbul.

Sincerely yours,

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Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 27, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Fuad Najjar, Acting Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Country Clearance for Lawrence William Smith

We shall appreciate your arranging country clearance for Lawrence William Smith to work as Chief of our Public Administration and Government Services Division.

The following is a resume of Mr. Smith's education and experience background:

Education: Pasadena Junior College, 1929-31, certificate; University of Southern California, 1933, B.S., merchandising; plus a number of additional courses at graduate level at USC, University of California, University of Redlands and American University, Public Administration.

Employment: Present: $50.00 per day consultant, management, State of New Jersey; 50-53: Administrative Officer, GS-15, Department of Interior, Defense Solid Fuelds Administration; 48-50: responsible management, GS-13, CIA; 46-47: Area Administrative Officer and Management Analyst, Department of Commerce, Ardmore, Pa. and San Francisco, Calif.; 43-46: Regional Administrative Officer, CAF-12, OWI; 43-7/43: Twelfth Region, CSC, manpower utilization; 36-42: administrative experience, NYA.

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Nomination Chief, Public Administration and Government Services, FSS-1, SA-28.

Lawrence William Smith. DOB 1/1910, married, wife and three children accompanying.

Education: Pasadena Junior College, 1929-31, certificate; University of Southern California, 1933, B.S., merchandising; plus a number of additional courses at graduate level at USC, University of California, University of Redlands and American University, Public Administration.

Employment: Present: $50.00 per day consultant, management, State of New Jersey; 50-53: Administrative Officer, GS-15, Department of Interior, defense solid fuels administration; 48-50: responsible management, GS-13, CIA; 46-47: Area administrative Officer and Management Analyst, Department of Commerce, Ardmore, Pa. and San Francisco, Calif; 43-46: regional administrative officer, CAF-12, OWI; /43-7/43: twelfth region, CSC, manpower utilization; 36-42: administrative experience, NYA.

Comment: All references checked agree Smith had responsibility experience most phases broad field public administration, including heavy experience budget and finance. Operated top level responsible agencies, diversified programs. Conscientiousness, thorough, has perspective, personality adjustable and flexible in thinking. Had installation and advisory experience, organizes work well, producer. Devoted family man, active local community activities. Advise Mission and SAG concurrence soonest because applicant claims offer another position January 1, available immediately.

The appointment of this candidate is subject to all necessary clearances.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
DECEMBER 25, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. W. Ferguson, Chief
Health and Sanitation Division, FOA

FROM: Rolf T. Skrinde

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report, December, 1953

The Quarantine Station project has been progressing fairly well during the past month. A message was received from FOA/Washington stating that the equipment will arrive F.A.S. New York by February 1, 1954. It is not clear whether this equipment includes four exhaust type fans, however, and no reply has been received to an inquiry on the matter. At any rate, we can be sure that the disinfecting equipment will arrive in Jidda sometime in April at the latest, and thus in ample time for the coming 1954 Haj.

During the first week in November, 1953, an engineering report was submitted to the Ministry of Health recommending a number of construction alterations to the Disinfection Building, which would improve its general usefulness and make it more suitable for the autoclaving process. In December, a meeting with Drs. Nazif, Shuman, and Hashem their viewpoint on the various items as follows:

1. Counters - Agreed, but the construction company should build them as a part of the original contract.
2. Floor drains - Not necessary.
3. Water taps - Not necessary.

4. Electrical outlets - Not necessary.

5. Skylight in roof of Sterilizing Rooms - Not necessary.

6. Windows in wall of Sterilizing Rooms - Yes, agreed.

7. Remove portion of walls of Disinfection Building - Agreed, but vague as to the extent.

8. Exhaust type fans - Dr. Nazif thought a total of 24 fans would be required, not of the exhaust type, however, and asked if Point Four would supply them.

9. Autoclaves bricked into the wall - Agreed.

10. Foot bath - Not necessary.

11. Floor tiling - Not necessary, although they admitted that the floors are badly cracked.

12. Boiler housing - Not necessary, but a portion of the laundry could be partitioned off for this purpose. It was hinted that the boilers could be then used for the laundry also.

Dr. Nazif requested that a cost estimate of the items agreed upon by the Ministry of Health be compiled. This was submitted on December 8, 1953.

In order to be on record as strongly urging the construction of the skylight in the Sterilization Rooms, and to relieve Point Four of responsibility of poor operation of the Sterilizers due to improper condition of the Disinfection Building, a letter to HRH Abdullah El Faisal, Minister of Health, was drafted over Mr. Corson's signature. Following a meeting with Mr. Corson, However, the letter

was not sent. It was decided instead to meet with Dr. Nazif and discuss the following points:

1. Urge the Ministry of Health to deposit sufficient funds in the bank to pay for installation costs and for a 20 KW electric generator, before the equipment is shipped from New York.

2. Agree to the partition in the laundry for housing of boilers, and to use of the boilers for the laundry if they are of sufficient size.

3. Agree to the wall removal.

4. Agree to supply up to $5,000 ~~week~~ worth of fans, as stated in the November 8, 1953, report, or supply laboratory equipment up to the $100,000 limit as stated in the Agreement.

The above discussion completes the progress on the Quarantine Station equipment to date. The question of Skylights in the Sterilizing Rooms is still unsettled. We shall urge that they be constructed, but a study of the Project Agreement shows that we have no authority other than to advise in the matter. This subject will be thoroughly discussed with Dr. Nazif in addition to the four points mentioned above.

The Quarantine Station has been operating for the care of smallpox and meningitis patients during the month as usual. Periodic trips to the Station have insured a sufficient water supply.

An inspection of the source of the Jidda water supply has

Been completed. I was accompanied on the trip to Wadi Fatima by Mr. Mustafa Mohammed, the Egyptian engineer in charge of most of the construction of both the twelve inch line in 1947 and the new twenty inch line. Although the water is supposedly being chlorinated, no residual chlorine could be detected in the Jidda supply at several points of examination in Jidda. Upon the examination of his maps and drawings, a report will be written with recommendations for the improvement of the present conditions.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 23, 1953

The Director General
Joint Export/Import Agency
Allied High Commission for Germany
Bad Godesberg, Germany

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 24 was handed me upon my return from Turkey.

This Mission has no record of a letter written by you to Mr. Arthur N. Young under date of July 8, 1953.

Mr. Bode is not in Jidda at the moment. I shall show him your letter when he returns the first week of January, and I am certain that he will cooperate with you to the best of his ability, his extremely busy schedule permitting without adversely affecting operations here.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 23, 1953

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director

FROM: John Bode
Controller

SUBJECT: Program Authorization for FY 1954 and recent Allotment of $604,000

The budgetary limit for United States technicians is $807,000 for the 1954 Fiscal Year. Evaluated in the light of past actual and future probable costs, this figure does not permit the total number of technicians to exceed 37 at any time during the remainder of the current fiscal year. Broken down by Fields of Activity, the maxima are as follows:

FIELD OF ACTIVITY	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS
Agriculture.....	8
Health and Sanitation.....	6
Education.....	5
Natural Resources.....	10
Transportation & Communication.	4
Public Administration.....	4
Total....	37

The maximum authorized to be obligated by approved Program Agreements is $540,000. Previously sub-allotted have been $110,220. The remainder of $429,780 may be immediately sub-allotted to the individual Fields of Activity in the following proportion:

FIELD OF ACTIVITY	AMOUNTS WHICH MAY BE IMMEDIATELY SUB-ALLOTTED $	AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY SUB-ALLOTTED $	MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED TO BE OBLIGATED BY PROGRAM AGREEMENTS $
Agriculture	133,000	----	133,000
Health and Sanit.	105,945	* 51,055	157,000
Education	29,000	** 58,000	87,000
Natural Resources	72,835	*** 1,165	74,000
Transport. and Comm.	x 89,000	----	89,000
Totals	429,780	110,220	540,000

* Quarantine Station Project $50,000 and Local Salaries $1,055.
** Commercial School Project.
*** Local Salaries.
x Includes $14,000 for Railroad Training Project.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

December 23, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
Mr. Thelbert F. Taylor, Executive Officer
Mr. Clayton McCullars, Disbursing Officer, American Embassy

FROM: John Bode, Controller

RE: General Disbursing Guide during My Absence from Post

In anticipation of my absence from the office from December 24 to January 2 or 4, matters have been so arranged that no major and few, if any, minor payments not yet authorized need be made during that period.

The obligations set up on the books both from Program and Administrative Funds appear ample to meet all exigencies. Furthermore, $31,520 of the Program Allotment Reserve (Unobligated Balance of Allotment C 401470) is wholly unencumbered and may be used to establish new or increase existing obligations, should the necessity therefor arise. There is no Administrative Allotment Reserve (Unobligated Balance of Allotment A 401470) at this time.

Complete lists of existing obligations are attached for your information.

Encl: Lists of Existing Obligations

JBode/djh

APPROP: 72-112/A1019 ALLOTMENT: C A01A70

PROGRAM

OBLIGATIONS SET UP FOR DECEMBER 1953

Oblig.#	Purpose	Amount set up for December 1953	Unliquidated Balance of Obligations at the beginning of Dec.1953
		$	$
1	Quarantine Station Project	- 0 -	50,000.—
2	American Salaries and Allow.(at Post)	2,300.—	5,123.18
3	American Salaries and Exp.(in Washgton)	78,450.—	161,460.—
4	Petty Purchases	1,000.—	1,729.70
5	Auto Supplies	900.—	1,634.72
6	Local Salaries	- 0 -	681.35
7	Home Leave Travel	- 0 -	9,747.24
8	Petty Expenditures by TCA/W	- 0 -	200.—
9	Electricity (Residences)	4,400.—	11,737.26
10	Local Travel	5,500.—	7,207.10
11	Gasoline	1,400.—	1,662.72
12	Maintenance of Residences	1,200.—	1,805.44
13	Office Supplies	700.—	1,087.46
14	Customs and Pier Charges	500.—	1,343.33
15	Teachers' Salaries at Commercial School	- 0 -	164.86
16	Newspaper and Magazines	- 0 -	50.—
17	Rents for Residences	11,700.—	24,246.01
18	Commercial School Project	- 0 -	58,000.—
19	Training Grants	410.—	30,510.—
20	Household Furniture and Furnishings	6,500.—	7,307.41
21	Freight and Cartage at Post	1,300.—	1,732.34
22	Purchase of Books, Maps etc	100.—	196.18
23	Representation Allowance	350.—	500.—
24	Immunization, Americans (SCA/PER)	200.—	466.36
	Total	116,910.—	373,592.66

APPROP: 72-1141000 ALLOTMENT: A 401470

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OBLIGATIONS SET UP FOR DECEMBER 1953

Oblig.#	Purpose	Amount set up for December 1953	Unliquidated Balance of Obligations at the beginning of Dec.1953
		$	$
1	American Salaries and Allow.(at Post).....	5,400.—	6,853.25
2	American Salaries (pd.in Washington).....	- 0 -	3,600.—
3	Local Salaries.....	1,000.—	1,358.89
4	Office Supplies.....	- 0 -	175.14
5	Auto Supplies.....	330.—	423.66
6	Petty Purchases.....	200.—	400.—
7	Electricity (Residences).....	1,100.—	3,349.08
8	Local Travel.....	1,419.—	2,419.—
9	Gasoline.....	300.—	431.—
10	Maintenance of Residences.....	- 0 -	597.83
11	Rents for Residences.....	1,600.—	16,664.—
12	Travel (Direct Transfers).....	- 0 -	12,510.05
13	Home Leave Travel.....	- 0 -	1,295.85
14	Household Furniture and Furnishings.....	1,200.—	1,700.—
15	Customs and Pier Charges.....	- 0 -	341.56
16	Freight and Cartage at Post.....	600.—	849.—
17	Purchase of Books, Maps etc.....	- 0 -	50.—
18	Newspaper and Magazines.....	- 0 -	57.—
19	Representation Allowance.....	- 0 -	426.46
20	Immunization, Americans (SCA/PER).....	- 0 -	100.—
	Total	13,149.—	53,601.77

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 21, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Time and Attendance Record

Thelbert F. Taylor will keep the Time and Attendance Record from this date, vice Edward F. Sinclair, with John Bode as alternate.

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UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION
TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda, December 19, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. J. McCullars,
Acting Administrative Officer.

FROM: E. F. Sinclair, Acting Executive Officer.

RE: Dr. Glen Brown return from Home Leave.

For your information, Dr. Glen Brown entered on duty in Jidda with this Mission as of December 19, 1953.

Copy to:
Budget and Fiscal Officer.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION

12/16/53

TO: Department of Agriculture

Foreign Agricultural Service

No. NEA-Regional 5-54

The Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture is authorized to accomplish the activity described below:

1. Program Activity: Soil Salinity Investigations

2. Description of Activity:

   To establish a technical staff capable of advising the Near East and Africa Countries on the solution of problems relating to the occurrence, diagnosis and improvement of Saline and Alkali soils, utilizing the facilities of the U.S. Salinity Laboratory.

3. Duration of Activity: FY 1954 and continuing.

4. Estimate of Cost: $17,310

5. Limitations or Special Instructions: FOA to allocate funds to participating agency in accordance with quarterly requirements. Technicians assigned under this authorization will be responsible to FOA Mission Director in each country where investigations are made. FOA to pay allowances, local travel and miscellaneous local expenses in the field. Appropriation No. 72-112/41019, Allotment No. C-405020.

Issued by [signature]
Acting Assistant Regional Director

Date: 12/16/53

Approved by: [signature] for Controller

Date: 12/16/53

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

POSITION NO.	PT. 4 GRADE	POSITION TITLE	ANNUAL SALARY	NO. OF MONTHS	NET (01)	INTERNAT'L TRAVEL	TRANS OF THINGS	OTHER	ESTIMATED COST
NEA-REG-FAS-6	GS-13	Soil Scientist	8360	12	8360	3800	1200	1000	14,360
NEA-REG FAS-7	GS-3	Clerk-Steno	2950	12	2950	-	-	-	2,950

Quarterly Apportionment of Estimated Cost

First Quarter	11,710
Second Quarter	
Third Quarter	2,800
Fourth Quarter	2,800
	$ 17,310

US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 16, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Fuad Najjar, Acting Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Housing for Fred A. Barham at Hofuf

This memo is to urge that the SAG expedite making additions to and equipping the building at the old Agricultural Experiment Station near Hofuf at the earliest date possible. Mr. Hixon, date specialist, was to use this building for living quarters, but the same has not been made ready.

Our Agricultural Extension Specialist, Mr. Fred A. Barham, is now ready to begin work in the Hofuf Community, but the above-named building is not ready for occupancy. It is planned that Mr. Barham work in the Hofuf area for the next two years. Furthermore, other USOM technicians will be working at various times with Mr. Barham and they will need a place to stay while there.

For the present Mr. Barham is lodging at an Aramco camp -- Uthmaniyah -- which is at a considerable distance from Hofuf. Permission to stay at this camp was with the understanding that it would be for just a few weeks, or about until January 1, 1954.

I should appreciate your taking this matter up with the proper Government officials and request that the house be made ready at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 15, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fuad Najjar, Acting Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Aerial Photography

It now appears that maps via aerial photography can be used to a great advantage in conducting community development work at Khulais. Therefore, it will be appreciated if you will request the SAG to approve aerial photography at this community site. The expense of same will be borne by the US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia.

WJEdens:o

US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 15, 1953

Dear Mr. Corson:

This is to brief you concerning my trip to Dhahran.

We did not see Shaikh Adwan. He was in Riyadh. It took most of the first day to get the jeep station wagon in shape for the trip to Hofuf and to obtain permits for gasoline.

Mr. Carlson, date specialist with FAO, had moved his family to Hofuf. Furniture had been placed in the apartments there. His counterpart, Bohon Husseini, with family had moved in. The wife of Mr. Ibrihim Husseini, Barham's counterpart, had arrived. So three families are now living in the two apartments of the main dwelling.

The office building that the SAG had started to extend and repair for Mr. Nixon's occupancy had been occupied by Mr. Carlson for an office. This is a three-room building, the smaller room having been made into a shower and toilet with plumbing fixtures. When I was there in July the plumbing fixtures appeared to be new as though the Government had made a start to fix things up. However, the living room and kitchen were never built onto the present structure as I understood was planned.

Mr. Barham could have used the present office building but Mr. Carlson said that he agreed to Nixon using it only because Nixon was his friend. On our way back to Dhahran, I stopped at Abquaiq and arranged with an Aramco official for Mr. Barham to stay until Jan. 1st at their Uthmaniyah Camp about 25 kilometers from Hofuf.

I suggest that you talk with Shaikh Adwan if you have the opportunity, and request that the office building have the livingroom and kitchen-diningroom built on to it. This can be done quickly. There is plenty of room in other buildings for Carlson's office. This would provide a building with two bedrooms, shower, lavatory, stool, livingroom and kitchen-diningroom. At times we will have Gibbs, Parker, an engineer, and other specialists to work with Barham. The one building could serve our purposes.

Another thing - Carlson indicated that his FAO contract will not be renewed, and that he had not worked out a contract with SAG to continue. If he should leave about January 1, his apartment would be ideal for our purposes. Possibly all of the buildings could come under our control. However, in considering the whole matter, we should not give Carlson or

Johnson the opportunity to complain to the Rome office. I do think, though, that we should request that the office building be extended and made available to us as quickly as possible. If Carlson returns to the States, we should follow up the possibility of using his apartment. The office building is not as well located and the apartment now occupied by Carlson has new furniture. However, at the present we should press to get the office building in shape. Carlson might remain if the Government sees fit to employ him.

The most of our food order is still at the Air Base. Possibly General Grover, Base Commander, can help. The food is being kicked about, and some of it is getting lost. Part has been forwarded.

The situation here is quiet. Abdul Aziz has gone to Beirut. We shall be looking forward to the return of all of you.

Sincerely,

WJEdens:o

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AGE DESPATCH

FROM : USOMSA, Jidda

USOM A-2
DESP. NO.

TO : ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON~~
USOMB, Rangoon

~~December 15, 1953~~
DATE

REF :

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SUBJECT: Return of two forms FS-477 and supporting documents.

The enclosed two forms FS-477 and supporting vouchers, which were received from your office, are herewith returned for the reason stated in a letter from FOA/W to us, dated October 26, 1953, copy attached.

EDENS, Acting

~~WJEdens~~

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Attachments: Ltr Oct 26, 1953, to FOA Mission, Jidda, fr Anthony Novak, FOA/W, Subj: TCA: Transmission of FS-477 and Supporting Documents. Also two forms FS-477 and supporting vouchers referred to in that ltr.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

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October 26, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To : FOA Mission, Jidda

From : Anthony Novak
FOA/Washington

Subject: TCA: Transmission of FS-477 and Supporting Documents

The attached two forms FS-477 and supporting vouchers which were received from your office are being returned since appropriation and allotment cited pertain to Department of Health, Education and Welfare funds.

These charges should be against H.E.W. appropriation as shown on the vouchers and account current rendered that Agency accordingly.

Sgd. Anthony Novak

Anthony Novak
Acting Chief, Fiscal Branch
Office of the Controller

Attachments:

Forms FS-477 (2)
Supporting vouchers (2)

US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

December 15, 1953

Major W. J. Smith
Exchange Officer
Dhahran Airfield Exchange
1414th Air Base Group
APO 616, c/o PM
New York, N.Y.

Dear Major Smith:

Mr. Fred A. Barham, Agricultural Extension Specialist, is now working in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, and is located at Hofuf. He is an employee of the U.S. Government and is connected with the U.S. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia (Point IV).

Purchasing certain items at your Exchange will be of much convenience and service to Mr. Barham, and it will be appreciated if you will grant him the privilege of making these purchases from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Acting Director
US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION
TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda, December 15, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. J. McCullars,
Acting Administrative Officer, Embassy.

FROM: E. F. Sinclair, Acting Executive Officer.

RE: Claim of Donald F. Dougherty for refund of medical expenses.

Reference is made to Department's O.M. of October 16, 1953, addressed to you on the above stated subject:

This mission has no knowledge of a basis for a claim by Donald F. Dougherty for refund of medical expenses incurred at the local Lebanese Hospital in January, 1953.

A bill for 132 Saudi Riyals, or $35.74, was rendered by the hospital in connection with this matter and was paid by this Mission on January 14, 1953, as per your voucher No. 323.

For your information, Mr. Dougherty returned to the United States two months ago and can be contacted at the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior in Washington, D. C.

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy
Jidda

December 14, 1953

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Your invitation to meet with the British Board of Trade Mission on Saturday, December 12, was received this morning.

I am sorry to have missed the honor of meeting with the Mission at your residence. However, the Trade Mission did honor me with a visit at my office yesterday. I was very glad to meet its members and to discuss matters pertaining to Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director

Mr. George C. Pelham,
Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Jidda.

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 13, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff Members - USOM/SA

FROM: E. F. Sinclair,
Acting Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Security on Outgoing Cables

The following cable has been received from FOA/W:

"EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15 DISCONTINUANCE ASSIGNMENT CLASSIFICATION 'RESTRICTED' AND DESIGNATION 'SECURITY INFORMATION' OTHERWISE CONTINUE SECURITY PRESENT BASIS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS."

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

December 12, 1953

Asgrow Export Corporation
New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Please forward by air freight the following listed amounts of seeds to Mr. C. Verne Stewart, Extension Specialist, American Embassy (USOM/SA), Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

5 lbs.	Sweet Corn, Golden Early Mkt	$4.50
5 lbs.	Sweet Corn, Golden Bantam	4.50
5 lbs.	Sweet Corn, Golden Cross Bantam	4.50
5 lbs.	Sweet Corn, Country Gentleman 8 x 6	4.50
5 lbs.	Sweet Corn, Country Gentleman	4.50
2 lbs.	Cucumbers, Early Russian	6.00
2 lbs.	" , Colorado	4.00
2 lbs.	" , Long Green Imp.	4.00
1 lb.	Cantaloupe, Hale's Best	2.50
1 lb.	" , Rocky Ford	2.00
1 lb.	" , Casaba	2.50
1 lb.	Watermelon, Klondike	1.50
1 lb.	" , Kleckley Sweet	1.50
1 lb.	" , Tom Watson	1.50
2 lbs.	Tomatoes, Earliana	12.00
2 lbs.	" , Pan America	9.00
2 lbs.	" , Rutgers' Cert.	9.00
1 lb.	Egg Plant, Black Beauty	6.00
1 lb.	" , Florida Highbush	6.00
1 lb.	" , Long Purple	6.00
5 lbs.	Corn, Early Hybrid, 2 Varieties	2.00
5 lbs.	" , Medium Hybrid, 2 Varieties	2.00
5 lbs.	" , Late Hybrid, 2 Varieties	2.00
5 lbs.	Wheat, Thatcher	1.00
5 lbs.	" , Reward	1.00
5 lbs.	" , Mida	1.00

Also, please forward by air freight the following amounts of seeds to Mr. Fred A. Barham, Extension Specialist, c/o American Consulate, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

10 lbs.	Beans, Stringless Green Pod	3.80
10 lbs.	" , Tender Greens	3.80
20 lbs.	" , Pinto	4.00

2 lbs.	Beets, Detroit Dark Red	$3.00
2 lbs.	" , Asgrow Wonder	3.00
1 lb.	Cabbage, Golden Acre	2.40
1 lb.	" , Premium Late Flat Dutch	1.80
5 lbs.	Carrots, Imperator	7.50
5 lbs.	" , Danvers, Half Long	7.50
1 lb.	Cucumbers, Long Green Improved	2.00
1 lb.	" , Arlington White Spine	1.75
1 lb.	Egg Plant, Black Beauty	7.20
1 lb.	" , New York Imp.	7.20
1 lb.	Muskmelon, Banana	2.25
1 lb.	" , Casaba	2.00
1 lb.	" , Hales Best	2.00
1 lb.	" , Improved Perfecto	2.50
1 lb.	" , Imperial 45	2.25
2 lbs.	Okra, Cemson Spineless	3.00
2 lbs.	" , Dwarf Green Early	2.50
5 lbs.	Onions, White Bermuda	20.00
5 lbs.	" , White Grano	25.00
5 lbs.	" , Yellow Sweet Spanish	17.50
½ lb.	Pepper (Sweet), California Wonder	
½ lb.	" " , Early Calwonder	
½ lb.	" (Hot), College 9 (New Mexico)	3.00
½ lb.	" (Hot), College 6 (New Mexico)	3.00
1 lb.	Pumpkin, Kentucky Field	2.00
1 lb.	" , Connecticut Field	2.00
2 lbs.	" , Small Sugar	3.00
1 lb.	Squash, Black Zucchini	2.00
1 lb.	" , Early Prolific	1.50
1 lb.	" , White Bush Scallop	1.40
1 lb.	" , Green Hubbard (Warted)	2.00
2 lbs.	Radish, Early Scarlet Globe	2.00
2 lbs.	" , French Breakfast	2.00
2 lbs.	" , White Icicle	2.00
1 lb.	Tomatoes, Marglobe	4.00
1 lb.	" , Pan American	4.50
1 lb.	" , Rutgers	4.50
2 lbs.	Turnips, Purple Top White Globe	3.00
2 lbs.	Watermelon, Florida Giant	3.50
2 lbs.	" , Stone Mountain	3.00
1 lb.	" , Dixie Queen	1.50
1 lb.	" , Kleckleys Sweet	1.50

Invoices in duplicate for these two shipments should be forwarded to this office for processing and payment. Prices we have listed may not be current, which we will understand.

Your cooperation in getting these seeds to us at the earliest possible date will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: SECSTATE WASHINGTON

Date: December 11, 1953

No: Circular 230

CODE: UNCLASSIFIED

Received: December 13, 1953
8:30 AM

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Thanks
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FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH

FROM : US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

DESP. NO. TOUSFO A-50

TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

DATE December 10, 1953

REF : FOA/W

For Director, Budget Division

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SUBJECT:

Reference is made to USFOTO 107 of October 12, 1953, stating that Allotment C-401470 has been increased $37,800 for October obligations, and that an Advice of Allotment will follow.

The Allotment Advice referred to has not as yet been received.

BODE, Acting

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 10, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. H. J. Corson, Director
US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: J. Miles Butler

SUBJECT: Butler's Household Effects originating Paducah, Kentucky

As suggested to Mr. Corson in USFOTO No. 155 received December 9, 1953, I contacted Isthmian Agent, Jidda and was informed: that my household effects had arrived on the SS Steel Advocate and were deposited in Customs Warehouse #1; and that the Isthmian Agent, Jidda had notified the American Embassy by post on August 28, 1953, of such deposit. I have a signed copy of the notice sent by this Agent to the American Embassy. I was taken by a representative of this Agent to Customs Warehouse #1 and was shown the crated household effects which were marked: American Embassy, JMB TCA, Jidda Saudi Arabia. The household effects are on Bill of Lading CG-1.

I would appreciate action to have those household effects delivered to me.

cc: American Embassy, Jidda
U.S.P.H.S., Division of International Health
Mr. G.W. Ferguson, Chief, Health and Sanitation Division

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 9, 1953

Mr. Claud L. Horn, Acting Chief
Technical Collaboration Branch
Foreign Agricultural Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Horn:

Your letter of November 17, 1953, was received concerning selected packets of informational materials. We are glad to receive anything of current matters, as well as of technical materials. We are a "fur" way from home base as pointed out in the fourth paragraph of your letter.

The Foreign Program Letters are fine. They tell a lot of things of interest in a short space. I not only hand these out personally to the men of my division, but I pass any extra ones on to others of the Mission here.

The efforts of all in the Branch to backstop for us are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION
TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda, December 7, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. J. McCullars,
Acting Administrative Officer,
American Embassy, Jidda.

FROM: E. F. Sinclair, Acting Executive Officer.

RE: Separation Allowance.

In connection with the attached memorandum dated November 30th from Mr. Fred A. Barham, Extension Specialist, it is recommended that application be made for separation allowance.

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FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH
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FROM : US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia DESP. NO. TOUSFO A-18

TO : Foreign Operations Administration

DATE December 6, 1953

REF :

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SUBJECT:

FOA MONTHLY PROGRAM SUMMARY - November 1953

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FOA MONTHLY PROGRAM SUMMARY - November 1953

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SECTION I. CRITIQUE

During the month under review there were a number of significant political changes which took place here in Saudi Arabia. On November 9 King Ibn Saud died. Immediately prior to his death a decree was issued establishing a Cabinet of Ministers over which the Crown Prince is to preside. Such Cabinet will handle all major matters of state and will pass on all domestic and foreign agreements. A Ministry of Communications was established headed by Prince Talal, which Ministry was formerly under the Ministry of Finance. It is reported that a Ministry of Agriculture (formerly under the Ministry of Finance) and a Ministry of Education (formerly under the Ministry of Interior) has been established although official pronouncement has not been made. It is further reported that a Ministry of Public Works (new) and a Ministry of Public Health (formerly under the Ministry of Interior) will be established in the near future. These changes indicate that the power formerly held by the Ministry of Finance, also the Ministry of Interior, has been and will be appreciably curtailed, thereby throwing more power into the Cabinet.

Shaikh Abdullah Suleiman, Minister of Finance, and Prince Abdullah Feisal, Minister of Interior, returned to Saudi Arabia shortly before the King's death and remained at their posts all during the month of November.

Programwise there was very little activity during the month of November due to the fact that although FY-54 budget approval was received, we still have not received the covering allotment of funds. It is to be regretted that five months of the FY-54 period have passed without our having been able to initiate our FY-54 programs. Such prolonged delays do considerable harm to the prestige of USAOM among Saudi Government officials. It is hoped that in future years such delays will not be encountered.

The FY-55 budget was sent to Washington last month covering many programs which I considered to be of vital interest to Saudi Arabia in the different fields of technical assistance and economic aid.

We are proceeding as rapidly as possible with preparatory investigations on the Khulais Community Development Project and we hope that during the next month we will be in a position to present such project - under the Community Development Agreement - to SAG for their consideration and approval so that work can be started without further delay.

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SECTION II. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. Progress

Agriculture

November has witnessed considerable activity. Much time has been spent on constructing, enlarging and refining the 1955 budget as well as making more detailed plans for the current year, the budget for which was approved by FOA/W a short time ago.

Soil surveys have been started at the Kilo Ten Experimental Station and in the Khulais Community area. Plans have been made to begin extension work at Khulais when a counterpart for Mr. Stewart can be furnished by the Department of Agriculture. Additional wells have been drilled at Khulais and El Darb where fair showings have been made.

Mr. Otis Parker made a trip to Iraq and Iran to study livestock breeding programs. It is unofficially announced that a Ministry of Agriculture has been established by SAG. During the month Messrs. Parker, Schwan and Stewart completed a trip to central and eastern Saudi Arabia where they reviewed agricultural conditions in general.

Mr. Fred A. Barham, newly arrived Agricultural Extension Specialist, is now engaged in assembling materials for initiating his work at Hofuf in Al Hasa Province. Mr. Nixon's study of date varieties nears completion. His report will be submitted shortly. A recent visit was made by the Chief of the Division to review the entire date research study.

Mr. Gibbs has begun a soils survey at the Kilo Ten Horticulture Experiment Station where he finds a high water table and plant nutrients are not available in proportions suitable for healthy plant growth and fruit production. However, he feels that the Station is a good location for studying fertilizer response, use of green manures, compost, and water management. Mr. Gibbs' initial work at Khulais leads him to believe that the community has at least 2,000 acres of good arable land and that farmers are now irrigating only a very small amount of this land.

The trip by Messrs. Parker, Schwan and Stewart to Central and Eastern Saudi Arabia took them over 1840 miles of all types of roads and into some of the most important farming and grazing sections. Their observations are proving valuable as planning turns to activity in concrete programs of extension work, livestock improvement and range revegetation. Mr. Parker's trip to Iraq and Iran was for the purpose of studying livestock breeding and production programs under Point 4 leadership. He found that native foundation stock was not an improvement over livestock in Saudi Arabia and that purebred sires were being imported from the U.S.

Under direction of the Natural Resources Division, two additional wells have been drilled in the Khulais community, somewhat nearer cultivable land and two more have been drilled at El Darb. The latter are reported as good producers, and of good water. Additional wells are planned.

A trip was made by the Chief Agriculturist to Al Hasa to review the date study made by Mr. Nixon. Work has gone according to plan and Mr. Nixon will

return to the U.S. on December 16. While at Dhahran and Dammam an effort was made to find living quarters for technicians to be stationed in that area. Only one two-bedroom apartment could be located, which was at Dammam, and the price was SR 15,000 a year in advance.

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Health and Sanitation

Some minor changes were made in the specifications for the equipment for the Quarantine Station Project and an obligation number in the amount of $90,000 was sent to purchase the equipment. Mr. Skrinde and his counterpart submitted plans and specifications for making the necessary changes in the building where the equipment is to be installed. Also a brief engineering report was submitted to the Ministry for the installation of a water line to the Station.

Residual chlorine tests are being run on the water hauled to one of the apartment houses where some technicians are living. The tests indicate that the chlorinating procedure is satisfactory.

At the request of the Chief of Preventive Medicine in the Ministry of Health, Miss Potter, Chief Nurse, began classes in Maternal and Child Health for nurses now experienced, because there was insufficient time to obtain proper teaching aids; then the classes were interrupted by the death of the King; next, it was found that the lectures had to be given in Arabic, Asharic, and Italian. In addition, the room made available for these classes was far from satisfactory. Finally, the Chief of Preventive Medicine requested that the classes be temporarily postponed because a Project Agreement was not signed yet, and he was being subjected to pressure in the Ministry to stop the classes until an agreement was signed. The classes have been suspended, but in the meantime Miss Potter is making the necessary preparations so that if classes are begun again, sufficient teaching material will be available.

A requisition for necessary medical equipment and supplies for operation of a Maternal and Child Health Center has been prepared. If the Project Agreement is ever signed, an obligation number will be cabled to FOA/W to purchase the equipment and supplies.

During the month excessive rains fell in Jidda, and therefore all the many depressions were filled with water, making some excellent breeding places for mosquitoes. Since the WHO Malaria Control Team was busy in Wadi Fatima, Dr. Butler has been assisting the Ministry make a mosquito survey and institute control measures. Dr. Butler did not take the lead in this, but persuaded the Ministry to do so.

The Malaria and Bilharzia surveys planned for Wadi Khulais were held up because of delays in purchase of local equipment for Dr. Butler. Other supplies have been requisitioned in the U.S.

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Education

Activity of the Education Division during the month of November has consisted mostly of writing a project to cover railroad trade training for the Ministry of Communications, preparing the supporting information and justification for the review of FOA/W, working over the FY-55 budget, conferring with officials of SAG and working on training grant applications.

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Natural Resources

Two production wells for the City of Yenbo were completed in Yenbo. Mr. Goudarzi supervised pumping tests of these wells and analyzed the water samples. These wells should insure a satisfactory Yenbo city water supply.

Mr. Goudarzi supervised a pumping test on a well at Wejj. This well is being considered for supplying the village of Wejj.

Work was continued by Mr. Goudarzi on the geological reports and maps dealing with the proposed Jidda-Riyadh railroad.

Mr. Bogue completed the report, in collaboration with Mr. K. S. Twitchell, of the Zalm (Dhalm) Gold-Silver Mine.

An inspection and reconnaissance trip was made south of Jidda, along the coastal plain, to Qizan. Well locations for a Lith city water supply were made. Two wells were completed during the month. Pumping tests have not been made, but the water appears to be fresh and sufficient. A series of locations were picked in the Qunfida-Hali region for a proposed drilling program there. An inspection was made of the Darb region. Two fresh water wells were completed and an additional location was picked. All wells completed in this region have produced water satisfactory for irrigation purposes.

The drilling program under the Division's supervision continues in the Taif region. Wells number 5 and 6 were completed in the Khulais region.

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Public Administration

Dr. John Dunaway departed for the U.S. on November 10. Since he was the only technician in the Division, no activity has been carried on.

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b. Local Participation

Health and Sanitation

The Ministry has been quite slow in providing the necessary utilities for the Quarantine Station, but they have been taking some steps in that direction lately. Mr. Skrinde's counterpart is still doing a good job in preparing details on necessary changes at the Station.

The Chief of Preventive Medicine has been doing all that he can to get the Maternal and Child Health Project Agreement operating, but we are holding this up because of lack of funds.

We have a feeling that the Ministry is willing to cooperate and participate in projects with us, but we have not been showing much leadership, because of lack of funds and personnel.

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c. Training

Health and Sanitation

See comments under Maternal and Child Health Project. The Ministry is still waiting for USOM/SA to tell them what information we have about the possibility of providing public health training in Arabic in nearby countries.

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Education

In addition to other assistance, the Ministry of Finance has furnished the Education Division with a full time translator. Funds can not be spent by the Mission to supply this service which has during the past months been a serious handicap. Eight training grant applications are in process of preparation due to this added assistance. Most of these will be ready for submission to FOA/W during the early part of December.

One trainee was scheduled for departure to the U.S. on November 21. Request through the Mission for advance of funds for travel and visa was made October 13. However, as of the 25th, advice from the grantee is to the effect that he is still waiting for this service through the Cairo Embassy. It is hoped that he will be able to depart soon, since his training was scheduled to start December first.

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SECTION III. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture

Developments have been slow due to the fact that the current fiscal year budget was approved only about ten days ago. As yet, the first quarterly allotment under this budget has not been received. The prospects for accomplishing much this year are becoming small. However, it is still possible to get much work started.

Continuation projects have been planned for FY-55 with the addition of more projects, including the establishment of an agricultural school. Two technicians, Messrs. Stewart and Schwan, have not been furnished with Saudi counterparts. This is a critical situation. I know of only one Saudi in the entire country who is possibly trained sufficiently to serve as a fair counterpart to one of our technicians. There seems to be a determined effort not to place trained personnel from other countries in counterpart or important places for training leaders.

The Khulais Community Development Project Agreement should be consummated this month and Mr. Stewart has been assigned as Agricultural Extension Specialist to this community. An irrigation engineer is needed very badly to team with Messrs. Stewart, Gibbs, Schwan and Parker in developing a well-rounded project agreement. The Agriculture Division does not have sufficient vehicles for the men ready for action, though a requisition for vehicles was submitted as early as February of this year.

It appears that Saudi Arabia is to have a Ministry of Agriculture. To date (since 1949, when established) the Department of Agriculture has existed within the framework of the Ministry of Finance. The present Director of the Department of Agriculture has been absent from his office for about six months and the Assistant Director is impotent. Consequently, a change will be welcomed. An official announcement establishing the Ministry of Agriculture is expected at an early date.

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Health and Sanitation

A further revision of the FY-55 budget was prepared and submitted to the Director.

The development of the Maternal and Child Health Project Agreement was discussed under Operations Summary because it is almost in that stage even though no agreement is yet signed.

There is an urgent need for the Division to receive its FY-54 allotment. It is next to useless to continue to discuss with the Ministry the development of a program until we produce on the projects that have been discussed in the past.

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Education

The Transportation project (industrial training), along with all supporting documentation, went forward some time ago. However, the FY-54 allotments for the current fiscal year have not yet been made and it is doubtful if the project can be approved by FOA/W until that has been done. In the meantime it is probable that interest in the project will have passed before authority to move can be secured, much in the same manner that the Commercial School Project has fared. The latter was rewritten ten times before submission to ICA/W, rewritten in Washington, and rewritten five times since, due largely to changing governmental personnel in these last five instances. The SAG indicated it was ready to sign the first version last February and several versions since. However, interest in signing now is normal and it is likely with a new Minister of Education just being appointed that the project will have to be reworked once more.

This would be a relatively simple task since it has been done so many times except that without stenographic assistance it becomes tedious. Unless some authority to make contractual arrangements directly in the field can be made, there is little hope for change in the rather standardized routine of operational experience and procedure. The Ministry of Communications has its money ready for a cooperative service project but they can hardly be expected to hold it ready for an extended period.

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Transportation and Communications

Discussions were held during November with General Grover, Chief of the USAF Base at Dhahran, regarding the installation of visual omni-range equipment on the Jidda airfield. This is a proposed FY-54 project. It is planned to hold a meeting next month in Beirut where a decision will be made on the make and type of visual omni-range to be installed. The equipment to be installed on the Jidda airport will therefore be standardized with other installations in the region.

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SECTION IV. AGREEMENTS AND REQUESTS

a. Agreements Executed.

None.

b. Agreements under Current Negotiation

Jidda Commercial School.
Dammam Industrial Training School.

c. Implementation of Agreements

Nothing to report.

d. Requests

Health and Sanitation

The Ministry has asked for a Bilharzia Survey to be made in the Wadi Fatima area. This request will not be developed into a separate project but will be used as a lever to get the Ministry to establish a section of Vector Disease Control, and include in it such things as Bilharzia Control, Dengue Fever Control, Plague and Typhus Control, etc. However, the request will be honored when the Ministry provides some of the necessary equipment for the survey. In the meantime, some necessary supplies are being ordered from the States.

The Ministry requested that the Mission make available a technician to accompany one from the Ministry, one from WHO and from ARAMCO to survey an area in northern Arabia and make recommendations for Malaria control. This request will be honored when the time is set by the Ministry for the trip to take place, along the lines expressed in the above paragraph.

Another request was made by the Ministry for aid in solving the drainage problem in Jidda. It was pointed out that this was a big problem affecting many people, and therefore careful plans must first be laid and all concerned consulted. However, we offered to help in solving this important health problem.

A request was received for assistance in setting up a training course for sub-professional personnel of the Ministry. Since the WHO is also interested in the project, it was suggested that WHO also be present for the discussions.

All of these requests were made verbally by the Chief of the Preventive Medicine Division of the Ministry. The number of requests indicate that the Ministry is accepting us and they believe we may be useful to the Ministry.

SECTION V. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

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SECTION VI. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS OTHER THAN POINT FOUR

Health and Sanitation

The WHO Malaria Control Team's tour of duty will end March 15, 1954, and it is already planning for departure because it must first make a survey in the Gizan area before it leaves the country. The team was sent here to train local personnel in malaria control work and has worked hard toward this end.

Little effort has been made to integrate this work into the administration of the Ministry and as a result we believe unless a program can be developed with the Ministry before the WHO Team leaves, the malaria work will be discontinued and the personnel distributed to the various hospitals in the Ministry, or their services terminated.

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SECTION VII. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Health and Sanitation

The following is not a complaint but simply a statement of fact: The Health Program is being seriously retarded because of (1) lack of funds, (2) lack of secretarial help, (3) insufficient technicians, and (4) inadequate transportation.

Education

Apparently these monthly reports are not read and serve as perfunctory activity since there is never an acknowledgment of the consideration of any problem material in them. Clerical assistance has gone from five to two secretaries in the Mission, with one of these asking for transfer. Reports are that no secretaries will come to Saudi Arabia because of the hard living conditions.

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Natural Resources

The relations between USOM/SA, Baker and SAG have been of prime concern to the Division during the month. USOM/SA has been informed that the contract for the SAG Water Resources Division of Baker has been awarded the German concern effective January 1, 1954. Information concerning these problems is contained in other communications.

John Bode
Acting Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 3, 1953

Mr. H. G. Bolster,
Head, Middle East and Eastern European Division, FAS,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bolster:

Thank you very much for your letters of November 13 and 18. I appreciate the strenuous effort you are making to help us find an irrigation engineer. Mr. Barham arrived on schedule and he appears to be a fine, practical person. He is being assigned to Hofuf in the Al Hasa Province about 80 miles south of Dhahran. This is the largest oasis in Saudi Arabia. We shall be looking forward to the coming of Mr. Rountree.

I have been granted permission by Mr. Corson to request that all technicians before leaving for Saudi Arabia purchase equipment and supplies they feel confident they will need immediately in their areas of specialty. Of course a number of the men are now here, but others will be coming. Mr. Rountree should be concerned with seeds. Since we, as yet, have made no tests, I'm sure Dr. Hyland and he can get a quantity of seeds together that will be appropriate for trial in desert countries. I'm sure requisitions and allocations of funds can be arranged with FOA. If and when we get an irrigation engineer corralled, he should bring instruments for surveying and laying out irrigation systems.

Personnel should be informed during their orientation period that post allowance varies from post to post. At Hofuf, the post allowance is much less than one-half that of Jidda. The allowance at Hofuf is the same as at Dhahran. Mr. Barham is quite disappointed that his post allowance is so low.

I think the agricultural program is making headway. However, I sometimes wonder. As yet, we do not have authority under new regulations to make financial commitments and sign project agreements. It is too bad that home base and the field can't be brought closer together in an understanding of objectives and actual production work in process as related to the essentials of achievement. You sometimes wonder if one part of the body ever heard of or felt of some of the other body parts. Mr. Corson is doing everything possible to get parts fitted together and functioning.

The Saudi Arabian Government is being somewhat reshaped. There is a trend toward more ministries instead of two or three with one very

dominant. It has not been officially announced, but I understand we are to have an Agriculture Ministry. This is a step forward but I do not know when it will actually be formed. One of the King's brothers is slated for the position.

The Director of the present Department of Agriculture has been away from his office for the past six months except on a few rare occasions. He couldn't get his budget approved as submitted, so he just quit work and is building a commercial business. His Assistant can do little, and he has gone to Rome and Cairo and won't be back for another month. One of the division heads, about the only one of any value, is in charge. Consequently, the Department has about ceased to function. If we can get the Prince installed as Minister, maybe we can get things moving.

Mr. Gibbs is making a soil survey at Khulais. Mr. Stewart goes to the Khulais Community the 5th to begin an extension program; that is, if we can get a counterpart for him. Mr. Barham and I leave for Hofuf the 5th. I plan to have him meet the Province and Oases Emirs, as well as other governmental officials. It is my opinion he has a pretty good counterpart who is now stationed at Hofuf. We don't have a counterpart for Mr. Schwan. He may get very little done until he has a good dependable man to work with. His work naturally will take him to remote areas quite often, and there is no need of shooting an arrow into the air with the liability chances involved.

You will get another copy of the Agriculture Plan of Work for 1955. Some of the similar projects have been consolidated and a project has been included to establish an agricultural school. I am keenly interested in this, for it is the only way out for an agricultural uplift. Extension training and vocational agriculture in the present school system, where it exists, will be the feeders for the central school.

I have noted the best possible from this distance the reshuffling and reorganization in the Agricultural field. It is to be hoped that what is done will be for the best. Further, I hope any changes that are made will not adversely affect the fine work you are doing in a tough row to hoe.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division
US Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 2, 1953

Brigadier General O. L. Grover
Hqs, 1414th Air Base Group, USAFE
APO 616, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear General Grover:

I refer to your letter dated November 23d and wish to state that I fully appreciate your comments regarding our interest in civil aviation for Saudi Arabia.

As you know, Mr. Sinclair, Chief of our Transportation and Communications Division, left this morning for Beirut for the purpose of participating in a meeting during which the use of Visual Omni-Range equipment at Saudi airports will be discussed. We included in our FY-54 budget one of such installations for the Jidda airport. That project has been approved without any modifications, which means that the Visual Omni-Range project for Jidda has been approved. However, we have not received as yet our allotment of funds and consequently cannot place our purchase order for such equipment until such allotment is received. It is our desire and intention to cooperate fully with you and Mr. Brennan in the selection as well as the installation of equipment for the above-mentioned project so that proper standardization throughout these countries can be obtained.

I am leaving here for a regional meeting in Istanbul - December 11-16 - and on my way back I plan to go to Dhahran from Beirut, thence to Jidda. While in Dhahran I shall be glad to discuss this matter further with you. I will wire you from Beirut as to my arrival date in Dhahran.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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December 1, 1953

Dear Paul:

In our letter dated October 15, 1953, transmitting Program Budget Estimates for FY-55, we stated that such estimates were those presented by the Division Chiefs in accordance with the general provisions outlined in TECTO Circ A-23 of August 18, 1953, but that these estimates would be carefully reviewed by the new Director and subsequent estimates submitted. We enclose herewith our revised FY-55 Budget Estimates for your consideration and approval.

The total amount of this revised budget is $4,844,000, broken down as follows:

Agriculture	$855,400	17.66%
Health & Sanitation	793,500	16.38
Education	1,005,246	20.75
Natural Resources	584,000	12.06
Transportation & Communications	1,084,000	22.38
Public Administration	154,250	3.19
Administration	367,526	7.58
	4,843,922	100.00%

Number U.S. Employees	- Program	95
	- Administration	19
	Total	114

You will note that we give greatest emphasis to Transportation (roads) and Education, followed by Agriculture and Public Health. SAG, through the newly created Ministry of Communications, under the direction of Prince Tallal, has repeatedly stressed the great necessity for roads both as a means of developing country-wide trade, and for unifying the country. The dire need for education - both academic and vocational - is well known. The emphasis in our education program is on vocational training so as to

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart,
Chief, Iraq-Lebanon-Saudi Arabia-Syria Division,
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations,
Foreign Operations Administration,
Washington 25, D.C.

prepare skilled and semi-skilled labor for the industrial development of Saudi Arabia. We plan to contract with U.S. universities or colleges much of the work covered by the enclosed Education and Transportation Programs. You will find attached to each program budget a Plan of Work covering the respective projects included in our revised FY-55 Budget Estimates.

In preparing these revised estimates, we have carefully weighed the following facts:

1. The strategic political and geographic importance of Saudi Arabia to the United States in the drive against Communism.

2. The far-reaching role played by Saudi Arabia in the Arab World through its control of Mecca, which places them in a uniquely important position amongst the Moslem States.

3. The importance of Aramco (Arabian-American Oil Company), the largest single American investment outside the United States, having under concession about one-sixth of the world's total oil reserve; also of the Military Base, both on the Persian Gulf side of Saudi Arabia.

4. The existing pro-American attitude on the part of SAG, which attitude is one not only to maintain but also to promote to the greatest extent possible.

5. The great need for the development of natural resources (other than oil), especially water, as well as for the development of its own food supply.

6. The existing deplorable conditions in health, sanitation and education and the urgent need for improvement in these phases of Saudi Arabian life, thereby augmenting their productivity.

7. The great need for assistance in Government Administration and Services, created by the heavy demands placed upon SAG in recent years through rapidly expanded activities following the large scale development of its oil resources.

8. The keen interest on the part of SAG to be helped in their efforts to emerge from a primitive to a modern state.

9. The resentment of SAG to the fact that Saudi Arabia has been and still is "on the bottom of the list" of U.S. contributions to Arab States, in spite of SAG's positive friendly attitude toward the U.S.

In addition

In addition to the above facts, we have based our upward revision of the FY-55 budget estimates on the proclaimed policy that "as European aid requirements decrease, technical assistance and economic aid for underdeveloped countries should be increased." Saudi Arabia definitely can be classified as an underdeveloped country and one which warrants whatever assistance can be furnished it to alleviate its "growing pains."

We call your attention to the fact that in all of the FY-55 proposed projects we have indicated that the funds for them will be commingled. We have done this due to the fact that we are counting on receiving your approval for the use of the Cooperative Service type of agreement to eliminate the extreme difficulties always encountered to get funds from SAG and to greatly induce Saudi participation in accepted programs and projects as a dependency of the respective Ministry.

The total estimated expenditure for the revised FY-55 program (excluding U.S. Technicians' costs) is about $10,000,000 and the ratio between U.S. and Saudi contributions is 1 to 3. Of course we cannot say at this time just what the Saudi overall contributions will be but the ratio definitely will not be less than 1 - 1.

This Mission will do everything within its power to create as much impact as is possible under the much delayed FY-54 programs but if an early approval of the FY-55 Budget, as submitted herewith, can be counted on, this Mission feels that its presence in Saudi Arabia will be felt effectively and that it will be able to do much to improve USAOM-Saudi Arabian relations, which have bogged down due to our not having produced concrete results as have been expected by SAG.

Any additional information which might be required for your consideration of this revised budget will be furnished promptly upon request.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
Revised FY-55 Budget Estimates -
Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1953

TO: Harland J. Gorson, Director
USA Operations Mission, Saudi Arabia

FROM: Roy O. Jackson, Acting Director
Natural Resources Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for November, 1953

The monthly reports of Mr. Bogue and Mr. Goudarzi are attached. The more important accomplishments and activities of the Natural Resources Division are listed below:

1. Two production wells for the city of Yenbo were completed. Mr. Goudarzi supervised pumping tests of these wells and analyzed the water samples. These wells should insure a satisfactory Yenbo city water supply.

2. Mr. Goudarzi supervised a pumping test on a well at Wejj. This well is being considered for supplying the village of Wejj.

3. Mr. Goudarzi continued work on the geological reports and maps dealing with the proposed Jidda - Riyadh railroad.

4. Mr. Bogue completed the report, in collaboration with Mr. Twitchell, of the Zalm (Dhalm) gold-silver mine.

5. An inspection and reconnaissance trip was made south of Jidda, along the coastal plain, to Qizan.

   (a) Well locations for a Lith city water supply were made. Two wells were completed during the month. Pumping tests have not been made, but the water appears to be fresh and sufficient.

   (b) A series of locations were picked in the Qunfida - Hali region for a proposed drilling program there.

   (c) An inspection was made of the Darb region. Two fresh water wells were completed and an additional location was picked.

   (d) An inspection was made of the Sabya - Wadi Qizan area. Additional drilling locations were picked. All wells completed in this region have produced water satisfactory for irrigation purposes.

6. The drilling program, under the Division's supervision, continues in the Taif region.

7. Wells #5 and #6 were completed in the Khulais region.

8. The relations between FOA, Baker and SAG have been of prime concern to the division during the month. FOA has been informed that the contract for the SAG water Resources Division of Baker has been awarded the German concern effective January 1, 1954. Information concerning these matters is contained in other communications.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1953

TO: Mr. R. O. Jackson
Acting Chief, Division of Natural Resources

FROM: Richard G. Bogue

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - November 1953

The report on the Zalm (Dhalm) mine by Mr. K. S. Twitchell and myself was completed. One day was spent in the Khulais area with Mr. Sinclair of the Transportation Department. The rest of the month was spent in the office on maps, photos and general office work.

Two days were lost due to rain and the office roof leaking.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1953

TO: Mr. Roy O. Jackson
Acting Chief, Natural Resources Division

FROM: Gus H. Goudarzi, Geologist

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - November 1953

During November 1953 a geological report on the proposed Jedda-Riyadh RR Route was completed (rough draft) and a sketch map of the route was drawn.

A visit was made to Yenbo Nakhil after the completion of the drilling operations. Test pumping of YnX-3 well was conducting using YnX-4 as an observation well. YnX-4 well was also tested. Water samples were taken and analyzed. The results of the above examinations were incorporated in a report submitted on November 22nd.

A dug-well at Wejj was also test pumped in connection with the city water supply.

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